

## UNDERSTANDING PROLOG EVALUATION

find ( [X | \_ ] , X )  
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**GOAL** → find ([1,2,3] , 2)

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X = 1 ; \_ = [2,3] ; X = 2 FALSE

find( [Y|L] , X ) :- find (L,X)  
**GOAL** → find ([1,2,3] , 2)

Y = 1 ; L = [2,3] ; X = 2 TRUE → Evaluate the body

find (L,X)  
**NEW GOAL** → find ( [2,3] , 2 )

find ( [X | \_ ] , X )  
**GOAL** → find ( [2,3] , 2 )

X = 2 ; \_ = 3 ; X = 2 TRUE! GOAL SATISFIED.

**END X = 2**